

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: June 2, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2163 (Mr. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania et al.).

Proponent name,³ location: The Purolite Company, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Sodium poly(styrene-v-divinylbenzene) sulfonate (CAS No. 69011-22-9) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

Check one: ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced.
☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is a cationic ion exchange resin which is used for the treatment of a specific medical condition by controlling the buildup of potassium levels in the bloodstream. It complies with the U.S. Pharmacopeia where it is listed under the name sodium polystyrene sulfonate. The product is imported from China, France, and India.⁴

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3914.00.60:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value dutiable imports ^a	\$4,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$156,000	\$175,500	\$195,000	\$214,500	\$234,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on Commission and industry estimates.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent identified four additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff sent inquiries to the additional beneficiaries. One of the identified beneficiaries submitted a written response that it would benefit from this bill.

⁴ Imports of the subject product from India are eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
The Purolite Company (Proponent) Gary Thundercliffe, gthundercliffe@puroliteusa.com	02/06/2010	No	No	No
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Lanxess Corporation Jamie Schaeffer, jamie.schaeffer@lanxess.com	02/08/2010	No	No	No
Resintech Mike Gottlieb, m.gottlieb@resintech.com 609-792-8154	02/08/2010	No	No	No
Thermax, Inc. Jim Sabzali, jsabzali@thermax-usa.com	02/08/2010	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading insertion in order to provide the correct chemical name and CAS registry number.

⁵ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2163

To suspend temporarily the duty on poly(styrene) sulfonic acid.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on poly(styrene) sulfonic acid.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. POLY(STYRENE) SULFONIC ACID.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Poly(styrene) sulfonic acid (CAS No. 69011–20–7) (pro- vided for in subheading 3914.00.60)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

